

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-3, 6-12 and 14-34 and 36 are pending.

Claims 1-3, 6-12 and 14-34 stand rejected.

Claim 36 is indicated to be allowable if properly rewritten into independent form.

By this Amendment, claims 1, 7, 10 and 15 have been amended and claims 18-27, 29-30, 32-33 and 36 have been cancelled without prejudice. More particularly, the subject matter of allowable claim 36 has been incorporated into claim 1 (and claims 7, 10 and 15 similarly) to render claims 1-3, 6-12, 14-17, 28, 31 and 34 allowable.

Rejection of Claims 1-3, 6-12 and 14-34 Under 35 U.S.C. §103

In the Office Action, at page 3, claims 1-3, 6-12 and 14-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Son et al. (US Patent Publication No. 2003/0189892, hereafter referred to as Son).

Claims 18-27, 29-30 and 32-33

Claims 18-27, 29-30 and 32-33 have been cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, the rejection of these claims is now moot.

Claims 1-3, 6-12, 14-17, 28, 31 and 34

The subject matter of allowable claim 36 has been incorporated into claim 1 (and claims 7, 10 and 15 similarly). Claim 36 was submitted in the Response dated October 24, 2008. In that response, it was indicated that claim 36 had basis in the specification at paragraphs [0037] and [0039].

In the Advisory Action dated February 17, 2010, the Examiner indicated that the amendments to claims 1 and 3 raise enablement issues. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Amended claim 1 as submitted in the Amendment After Final Action is identical to claim 36 which was indicated as being allowable in the Office Action dated November 10, 2009. As set forth above, this claim has basis in the specification at paragraphs [0037] and [0039]. Consequently, there are no new matter or enablement issues with amended claim 1. Claim 3 depends from claim 1 and was not amended in the Amendment After Final Action. Accordingly, there can be no issues of new matter or enablement with claim 3.

Applicant submits that claims 1-3, 6-12, 14-17, 28, 31 and 34 are now allowable for at least the subject matter of allowable claim 36.

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Conclusion

In view of the claim amendments and remarks set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

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